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## India

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### **Draft Amendment on Artificial Sweetener Invites WTO Member Comments**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, related to the purity of steviol glycosides.

## General Information:

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FSSAI published amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2011, related to the purity of steviol glycosides. Comments on this amendment are invited from WTO member countries and the comment period expires 60 days beyond the notification date as listed on the WTO's website ([www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)). The amendment as provided in the notification is pasted below at the end of this report.

Comments, within 60 days from the date of notification in WTO website, should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road  
New Delhi – 110002  
Email: [spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in](mailto:spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in)

## Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: June 20, 2017
- Final date for comments from WTO members: 60 days from the date notified on WTO website

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

The full text of the [notification](#) is pasted below and can also be accessed from FSSAI's website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

**Notice Calling for suggestions, views, comments etc from WTO- SPS Committee members on the draft notification related to purity of steviol glycosides.**

**File No. 1/Steviol glycoside/Std/Notification/FSSAI/2017.-** In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in regulation 3.2, in sub-regulation 3.2.2, in clause 1 relating to “Steviol Glycoside”,-

(a) for the words and figures, “PURITY”, the words and figures “Assay/purity - Not less than 95 per cent. of the total of steviol glycosides on the dried basis” shall be substituted;

(b) for the words and figures, “Total ash Not more than percent.”, the words and figures “Total ash Not more than 1 per cent.” shall be substituted.